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### Question 1

#### General Information

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### Question 2

Who is the primary Member of Congress sponsoring the project?

<b>Member of Congress:</b>	Cassidy, Bill
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### Question 3

Is this project located in your Congressional District?

☒ Yes  
☐ No

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### Question 4

Will other Members of Congress be submitting project requests supporting the project?

☐ Yes  
☒ No

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### Question 5

What type of eligible project under Title 23 (Highways) or Chapter 53 of Title 49 (Public Transit) of the U.S. Code is the project request? Note: The Committee will not accept requests for non-surface transportation projects, such as transportation museums, as part of the High Priority Projects program.

☒ Federal-aid Highway

☒ Highway/road

Located on a Federal-aid highway?

☒ Yes

Located on the National Highway System?

☒ Yes

Located on the Interstate System?

☒ Yes☐ No☐ No☐ No☐ Bridge☐ Tunnel☐ Bicycle/Pedestrian project☐ Intelligent Transportation System (Technology) project☐ Ferry Boats or Ferry Boat Facilities☐ Intermodal Freight Facility☐ Other☐ Public Transit [What is the definition of public transit?](#)☐ Rail☐ Research

## Question 6

Did the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, or State Department of Transportation, or public transit agency confirm that the project is eligible under Title 23 (Highways) or Chapter 53 of Title 49 (Public Transit) of the United States Code?

☒ Yes

Which entity confirmed the project eligibility?

State Department of Transportation

Name Sherri Labas

Position Deputy Secretary, Louisiana DOTD

Phone 225-379-1851

☐ No

## Question 7

Please identify the state, regional, or local governmental entity that is an eligible recipient of the funds.

☒ Highways

State Department of Transportation:

Note: If a project is a multi-state project, please select the State Department of Transportation which will serve as the lead agency for the project.

Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development - Highways

☐ Public Transit☐ Rail

## Question 8

Please identify the specific segment or activity for which project funding is requested. The request must finance at least 80 percent of the total estimated cost of the specific segment or activity by either (1) the amount requested by the Member; or (2) the amount requested by the Member and other specifically designated Federal, state, local, or private funding sources.

**Project description:**

Please use words like: Construct, Plan, Design, Engineer, Conduct Environmental Review, Acquire Right-of-way, Conduct Alternatives Analysis, Research, Develop, Demonstrate, Deploy, Reconstruct, Rehabilitate, Replace, Retrofit, Install, Mitigate, Implement, Realign

Project is to design, engineer, acquire right of way and construct a new I-10 interchange at Pecue Lane in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The southern portions of East Baton Rouge Parish and adjoining Ascension Parish have experienced significant population growth and expansion in recent years. As a result, traffic volumes have dramatically increased along the I-10 corridor from the I-10/I-12 split east into Ascension Parish. Development in this area is expected to continue to grow, including the construction of a major medical complex nearby, which will further increase traffic volumes. Additional access to and from the Interstate is needed along the I-10 corridor to accommodate these changing travel patterns and increased traffic. Pecue Lane has been identified as a strategic route that can enhance connectivity within this region and provide access to I-10.

**Total estimated cost** 29000000

Note: please write out in numeral form (2000000 not \$2 million)

**Request amount** 15000000

Note: please write out in numeral form (e.g., \$2,000,000, not \$2 million)

**Percentage of total estimated cost** 100%

#### Additional Funding Sources

Source	Amount of Funding
City of Baton Rouge/Parish of East Baton Rouge	14000000

## Question 9

If you are requesting funding for a specific segment or activity, please describe the overall project of which this segment/activity is a part.

#### Project description

Note: limit your response to 3-4 sentences; up to 500 characters

**Total estimated cost**

## Question 10

10. Is the project included in the State's Long-Range Transportation Plan?

- ☐ Yes  
☒ No

## Question 11

11. Is the project included in the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and/or State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)?

- ☒ Yes

Please provide the date of approval of the most recent version of the program(s), and the title of the program(s).

Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

**Date of approval**

02/2008

(MM/YYYY)

**State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)**

Baton Rouge Metropolitan Planning Area FY2009-FY2013 TIP

State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

**Date of approval**

(MM/YYYY)

**State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)**

- ☐ No

## Question 12

If the project is an intercity passenger rail project, is it included in the State Rail Plan?

- ☒ Not Applicable  
☐ Yes  
☐ No
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### Question 13

Please describe the current status of the project and the expected schedule for its completion.

- ☒ Federal-aid Highway  
In Environmental Review  
☐ Public Transit  
☐ Rail  
☐ Research

What is the expected date of completion of the project for which you are requesting funding?

2012

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### Question 14

Please provide a letter of support from a state, regional, or local governmental official specifically supporting the project request. **This letter should discuss the merits of the project; specify the process to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the project; and identify the other sources of Federal, state, or private funding that will be used to complete this project or project phase. This letter must contain an explicit statement of support for the project. In addition, if the Member is requesting less than 80 percent of the total estimated cost of the specific segment or activity, the letter must identify other specifically designated Federal, state, local, or private funding sources that, combined with the Member request, equal at least 80 percent of the total estimated cost.**

Currently: [letters/bill\\_cassidy/Holden-PecueLane-support.pdf](#)

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### Question 15

Does the project have regional or national significance? [What is the definition of a project of regional or national significance?](#)

- ☒ Yes

Please describe the regional or national significance of the project.

Note: Please limit your response to 3-4 sentences (up to 500 characters).

A national survey has ranked I-10 through Baton Rouge as the worst stretch of Interstate in the nation for freight traffic due to severe congestion. This project will reduce congestion and promote even traffic flow on I-10 by allowing local traffic to exit via a strategically located interchange at Pecue Lane. At the same time, the interchange will provide additional connectivity to I-10 to accommodate changing traffic patterns resulting from the region's dramatic and continuing growth.

- ☐ No
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### Question 16

Describe the safety, economic development, mobility, and environmental benefits associated with completion of the project.

**Safety Benefits:** Please describe the safety benefits

Note: Please limit your response to 3-4 sentences (up to 500 characters).

The lack of an interchange at Pecue Lane contributes to severe congestion as local traffic must travel additional distances to exit the Interstate at Siegen Lane or Highland Road, which in turn must handle the additional vehicles. Local traffic along Pecue Lane is also routed several miles to other interchanges to enter the Interstate. By reducing congestion on I-10 and providing more direct access to the Interstate, the new interchange will reduce accident potential and improve overall safety.

**Economic Development Benefits:** Please describe the economic development benefits.

Note: Please limit your response to 3-4 sentences (up to 500 characters).

The new interchange will provide direct access to current and proposed development along the corridor, including a planned \$350 million medical complex at Airline Highway and Pecue Lane. The improved access and increased mobility will serve as a catalyst to spur additional economic development both immediately adjacent to the interchange and in the surrounding area. The Baton Rouge Area Chamber of Commerce has ranked this project as the number one road priority in the Nine Parish area.

**Mobility Benefits: Please describe the mobility benefits.**

Note: Please limit your response to 3-4 sentences (up to 500 characters).

Construction of the new interchange is projected to save 288,860 hours of time lost due to congestion while resulting in a 26% peak hour traffic reduction on Siegen and a 19% peak hour traffic reduction on Highland. It will also spur an expansion of the connecting street grid in this area which will greatly improve mobility and access within the southern portion of the parish and adjoining parishes, badly needed to accommodate current and future population growth.

**Environmental Benefits: Please describe the environmental benefits.**

Note: Please limit your response to 3-4 sentences (up to 500 characters).

Reduced congestion and vehicle idling times along I-10 and the local roadway network will reduce emissions of particulate matter and ozone precursors, slowing the formation of ground-level ozone, the Baton Rouge area's primary air pollutant. On-road vehicles are currently the largest single source of ground-level ozone in Baton Rouge. The proposed configuration of the interchange will also improve noise and other environmental impacts for sensitive adjacent areas by installing retaining walls.

## Question 17

Has the project previously received any Federal funding?

☒ Yes

☐ Surface Transportation Authorization Act(s)

☒ Appropriations Act(s)

Public Law Name

Omnibus Appropriations, 2009

Public Law Number

PL 111-8

Section

Interstate Maintenance - Discretionary

Project Number

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☒ Other Legislation

Public Law Name

Omnibus Appropriations, 2009

Public Law Number

PL 111-8

Section

TCSP

Project Number

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☐ No

## Question 18

Has the project received any prior funding from a State, local, or private source?

☒ Yes

Source

Amount of Funding Amount Obligated

City of Baton Rouge / Parish of East Baton Rouge

121644

121644

Capital Regional Planning Commission

19644

19644

☐ No

## Question 19

Please provide the proposed legislative text (in no more than 250 characters) of the project as you would like it to appear in the bill.

Note: Please note that project line items carry the force of law, and can only be amended through subsequent public laws. If Congressional intent (as established through answers listed on this form, or in letters to the Committee) is different from the legislative text, the entity administering the project is required to adhere to the statutory language.)

Design, Engineer, Acquire Right of Way and Construct I-10 Interchange at Pecue Lane, Baton Rouge, LA

Please review and finalize your answers to the above questions before moving on to the Certification phase of the program where you can print your submission. Once moving to the Certification phase, you will NOT be able to amend your answers.

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